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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, RO

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. CASTRO/LAMBERT. AS I BELIEVE YOU KNOW BY NOW, THERE IS NO LAMBERT HEALTH PROBLEM. ICA AND STATE ARE IN THE MIDST OF REVIEWING THE ENTIRE SITUATION AND YOU WILL BE HEARING FROM US AND THEM, EITHER BY PHONE OR CABLE. WITH REGARD TO EMIL CASTRO, PLEASE TELL HIM WE WERE ASSURED THAT NO ONE IN ARA OR ELSEWHERE HARBORS A GRUDGE AGAINST HIM FOR AGREEING TO EXTEND IN BUCHAREST. WHAT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED, HOWEVER, IS WHETHER HIS EXTENSION WOULD BE APPROVED. THAT WOULD BE OUR RECOMMENDATION, BUT PERSONNEL FEELS THE NEED TO REVIEW ALL THE OPTIONS AND NEEDS, INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF STAFFING BOGOTA. IN THIS CONNECTION, YOUR REQUEST FOR JAY BURGESS ON TDY WAS BEING ADDRESSED HERE ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT EMIL WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE IN BUCHAREST. IF YOU WANT JAY REGARDLESS OF OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, WE WILL NEED
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IMMEDIATELY, IN REGULAR CHANNEL, A JUSTIFICATION THAT WE CAN SUPPORT AND SHARE WITH OTHERS INVOLVED, INCLUDING COMMERCE.

2. EXPORT CONTROL (BUCHAREST 3526). JAY HAS CHECKED WITH OEA AND HAS COME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING STATUS REPORT

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ON THE VERSA ENGINEERING CASE. "STRETCH" PRESSES OUR PROBLEM CASES AND ALTHOUGH THE LONG-TERM PROGNOSIS IS FAVORABLE, THE CASE PROBABLY WILL TAKE UP TO THREE MONTHS. IT WILL NOT EVEN GO TO THE OPERATING COMMITTEE FOR ANOTHER COUPLE WEEKS; THE OC WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE ABOUT FOUR WEEKS; AND COCOM CONSIDERATION WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE ABOUT FIVE WEEKS - NOT VERY ENCOURAGING.

3. VEST VISIT - SUNDAY PROGRAM. GEORGE PUTS HIMSELF IN YOUR HANDS FOR SUNDAY. HE TOLD US THAT YOU KNOW HIS PREFERENCES AND HE WILL RELY ON YOUR JUDGMENT. HE IS OBVIOUSLY MORE INCLINED TO GET OUT AND SEE THE COUNTRY-SIDE THAN TO GET COOPED UP IN TALKS OR MEALS WITH ROMAN-IANS IN BUCHAREST, WHICH HE WILL GET ENOUGH OF DURING THE OTHER DAYS. SOMETHING THAT WOULD COMBINE INTERESTING COUNTRYSIDE, ARCHITECTURE, INFORMALITY, AND YOUR SCINTILL-ATING CONVERSATION WOULD BE THE PERFECT MIXTURE. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER PACKING A PICNIC LUNCH AND DRIVING OFF TO SOMEPLACE LIKE CURTEA DE ARGES. WE WOULD HAZARD THE GUESS THAT SNAGOV OR PITESTI WOULD NOT BE THE BEST CHOICE. NO ONE HERE (THAT WE CAN REACH) KNOWS TIRGOVISTE AND CAN VOUCH FOR IT. VANCE

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